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Note verbale dated 5 July 2001 from the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honour to enclose a copy of the two articles published by *The International Herald Tribune* on 30 April 2001 concerning the war crimes Senator Bob Kerry committed in Viet Nam during his service as an officer of the Special Forces in the United States Marines. He ordered his military unit to kill children and women in Vietnamese villages.

In addition, the *New York Times* published in its extended issue of Sunday 29 April 2001, in cooperation with the television programme "60 Minutes", an article about the details of the massacre perpetrated through orders issued by Bob Kerry to his military unit.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq would be grateful if the aforementioned articles* could be used as documents of the fifty-eighth session of the Commission on Human Rights under item 9 of the provisional agenda.

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* Available for consultation in the files of the secretariat.

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